GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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CONSUMPTION OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a): the consumption of cement in the country as on 31.3.2000 and the manner in which this demand is met;

(b): the steps likely to be taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand of cement in the country during the next two years;

(c): whether the Government are contemplating to reduce the price of cement;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a): Cement consumption in the country for the year 1999-2000 is 98.12 million tonnes as against a total production of 100.25 million tonnes.

(b): Cement industry is delicensed and decontrolled. The industry has adequate capacity to meet the demand in the country and is capable of increasing the capacity to the extent required.

(c)&(e): At present there is no control on the price and distribution of cement. Therefore, the demand and supply, price etc. are determined by the market forces. However, Government has been encouraging creation of additional installed capacity and higher production of cement so that there is a healthy competition in the market.